



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
**VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

*Chairman Phil Roe, M.D.*

**H.R. 2601: Veterans Increased Choice for Transplanted Organs and Recovery (VICTOR) Act**

**Background:**

Under current policy, VA generally requires organ transplants to be performed at one of the department's 13 transplant centers, where waiting times for transplants are on average 32 percent longer than those at non-VA facilities.

H.R. 2601, as amended, would require VA to consider whether there is a medically compelling reason to require a veteran requiring a transplant to travel outside the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network region that the veteran resides in to receive a transplant from a VA transplant center or whether the veteran faces an unusual or excessive burden in receiving a transplant from a VA transplant center before referring a veteran in need of a solid organ or bone marrow transplant to a VA transplant center rather to a community transplant center.

**The Message:**

- Arcane rules should not prohibit veterans from receiving lifesaving care such as an organ transplant.
- If a veteran is in need of an organ transplant and does not live near a VA transplant center, they should be able to seek transplant care in the community.
- This bill would enable veterans who aren't able to access care at a VA transplant center to seek care at a community transplant facility.